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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of: :
David V. Zyzak et al. :
Serial No.: 09/558,458 : Group Art Unit: 1761
Filed: April 25, 2000 : Examiner: L. Wong

For: FLAVOR ENHANCING OILS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 6/18/01

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated 6/18/01 in the above-identified Patent Application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the Application in view of the following Remarks and Amendments.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 10 and 11 without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 1 and 7 as follows:

1. (Amended) A flavor enhancing oil, comprising:

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- a) at least one edible liquid oil;
 - b) a matrix-forming material comprising silicon dioxide; and
 - c) a flavor enhancing amount of at least one water soluble flavor enhancer, wherein said water soluble flavor enhancer is uniformly dispersed throughout said edible liquid oil.